

Photo of road and roadside sign stating, "Muir Woods, 500 ft., Entrance Fee Area."



Welcome to Muir Woods. You are within a few yards of the entrance when you see this sign. We hope this photo essay will help you plan and prepare for an enjoyable visit to your national park. This sign on Muir Woods Road lets visitors know in advance that a fee is charged to walk into Muir Woods. Parking is free.

Photo of driveway to the Main Lot of Muir Woods and a large brown and white sign to the left of the driveway. The Muir Woods stone monument can be seen on the left.



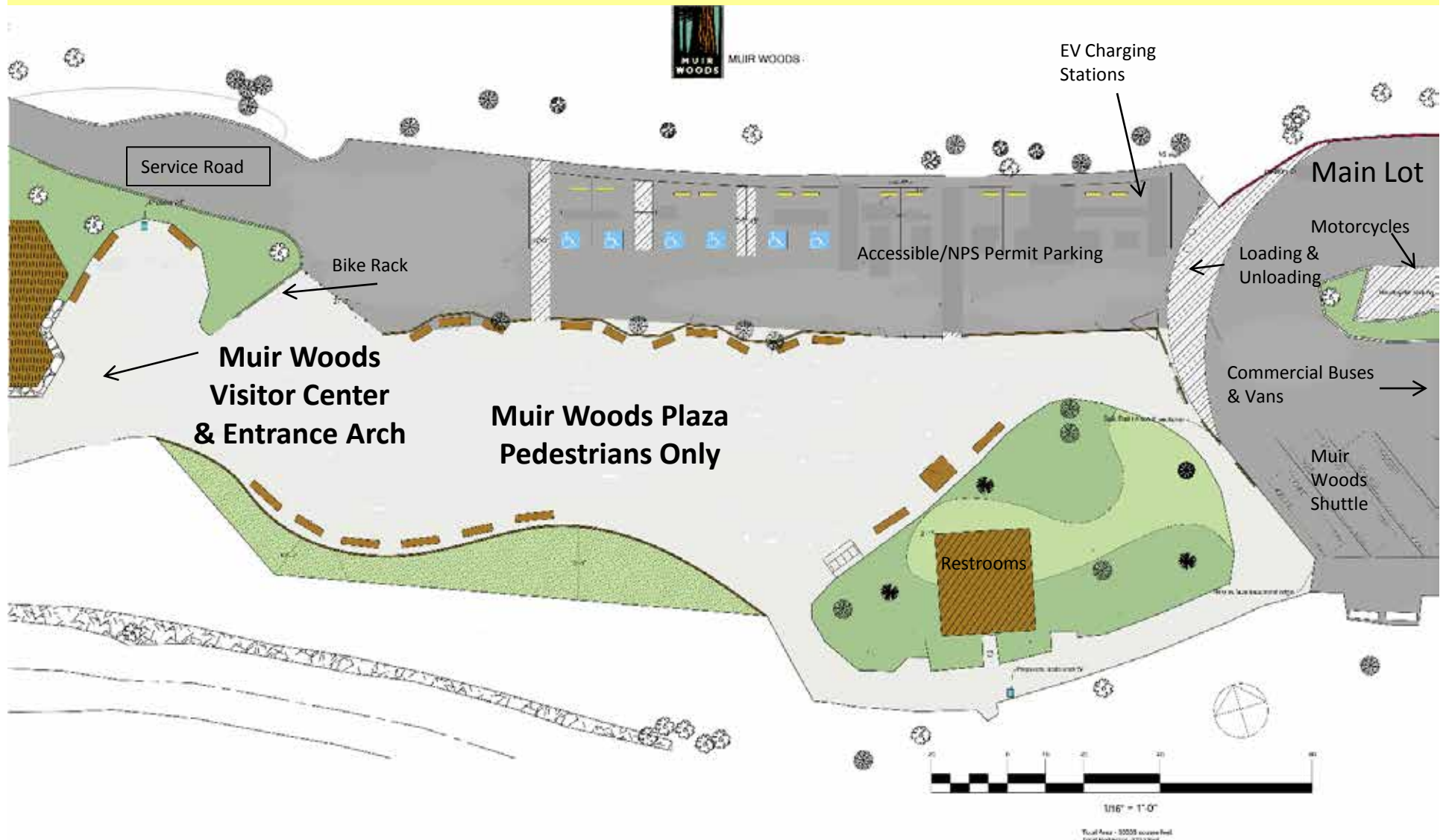
This sign at the entrance to the Main Lot of Muir Woods lists the entrance fee and the different types of passes you may wish to purchase. Parking is free.

Photo of Muir Woods stone monument and driveway to the Main Lot of Muir Woods.



This is the entrance to the Main Lot at Muir Woods. Up ahead is the Visitor Center where you pay the entrance fee. Parking is free. Also, you will find Accessible Parking, EV charging stations, bus lot, restrooms, and motorcycle parking in the Main Lot.

Map of Muir Woods Visitor Center, Plaza, Main Lot, and bus lot.



This is a map of the entrance area to Muir Woods. The Plaza is between the Visitor Center and the Main Lot. The Plaza is a good place to meet if you drop off passengers. Muir Woods has two parking lots: the Main Lot (right) and the Annex Lot (not shown).

Photo of the Muir Woods Plaza showing Visitor Center and redwood trees in the background.

“The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco.” ~ Unknown



This is the Muir Woods Plaza in front of the Visitor Center. Cell phone coverage is not reliable in the national park, so make plans to meet your driver in the Plaza if you're dropped off. Sometimes the national park is so busy, drivers have to park a long ways from the entrance. Expect to wait for your driver (at least 20 minutes) on busy summer days. There is no shelter, so bring a sweater or a light jacket. The Plaza is cool and shaded by trees, even in summer.

Photo of the Muir Woods Visitor Center and entrance arch in the background.



This is the Muir Woods Visitor Center where you pay your entrance fee. The entrance fee is \$7 for people 16 years or older. No fee is charged for kids 15 years or younger. You can get information about park passes, the park, trail suggestions, books, maps and gifts at the Visitor Center. The Muir Woods Trading Company Gift Shop and Café are just past the entrance arch. The Entrance Arch to the Woods is to the left of the VC. This is also where you pay your fare if you're a Muir Woods Shuttle rider.

Photo of Accessible Parking sign, electric vehicle parking sign, and no drop offs sign. Cars and tall redwood trees are in the background.



This is the entrance to the accessible parking lot and electric vehicle charging station which are first come, first serve. Drop off passengers near this sign, but do not block the emergency access to the Accessible Lot. The people on the left are walking through the Muir Woods Plaza. The Plaza is a good place to eat a snack or wait for the driver if you're dropped off.

Photo of the motorcycle parking only sign. Muir Woods Shuttle buses are on the left, and people walking in the bus lot.



Motorcycle parking is on the left before the Accessible Parking Lot. Accessible Parking Lot and electric vehicle charging station are on the right. Muir Woods Shuttle stop (green and white bus) is on the left. The restrooms are in the brown building. The Visitor Center is within a few steps from here.

Photo of the Drop Off Only sign painted on the pavement. An electric vehicle is charging in the background.



The drop off area curves in front of the Accessible Parking area and electric vehicle charging station. Please don't block the emergency access to the Accessible Parking Lot when dropping off passengers here.

Photo of two Muir Woods Shuttle buses, passengers disembarking and walking through the bus lot.



The national monument offers the Muir Woods Shuttle service on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day during the summer, the peak time for Muir Woods. The MW Shuttle stop is within steps to the Visitor Center and entrance arch. If you ride the shuttle, pay the shuttle fare and entrance fee at the Visitor Center. The shuttle fare is \$5 for people 16 years and older. The entrance fee is \$7 for people 16 years and older. The shuttle fee and entrance fee are free for kids 15 years and younger. Hold on to your receipt for the ride back.

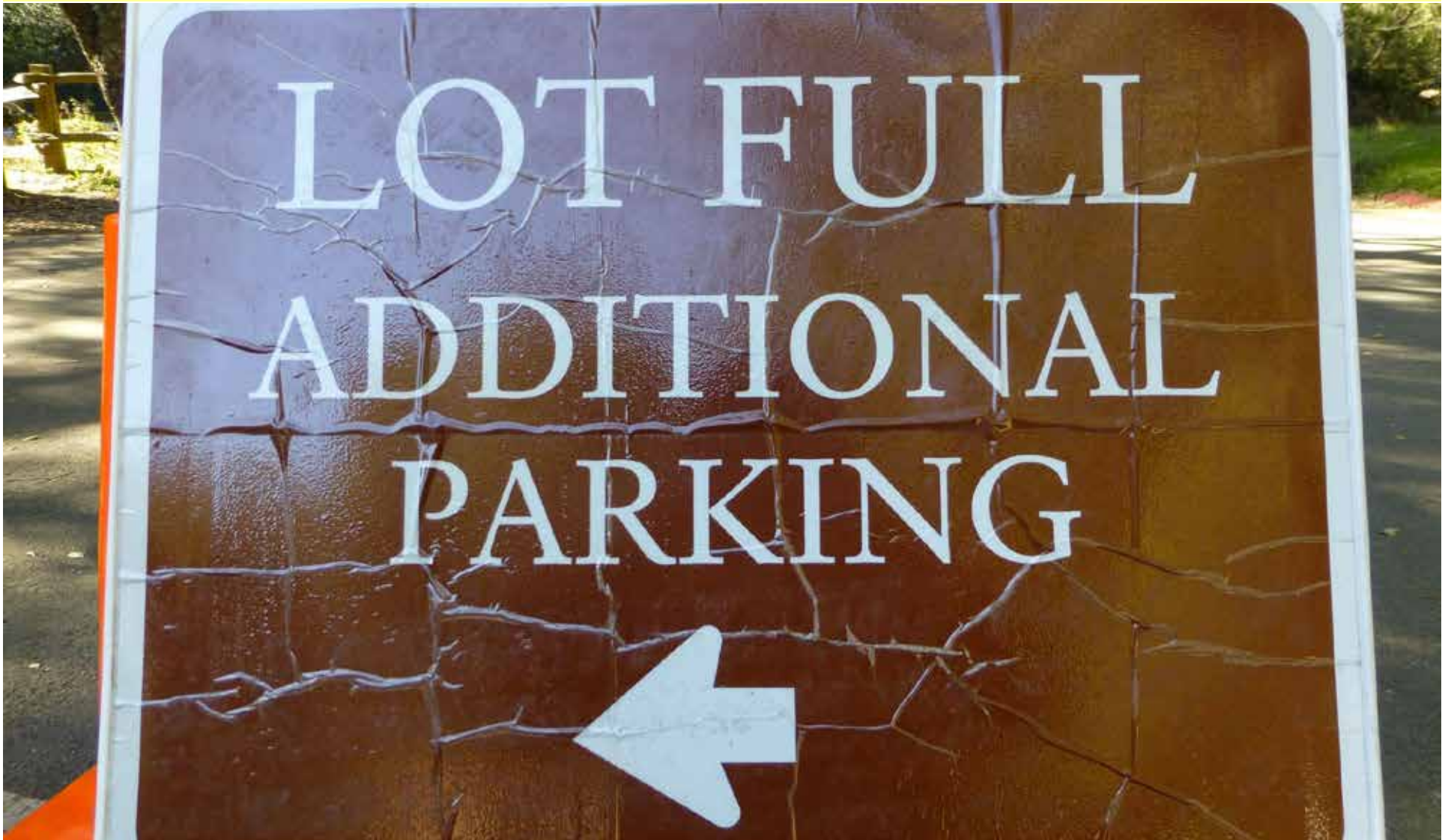
Photo of the Muir Woods bus lot with commercial buses and Muir Woods shuttle. Drivers usually drive around the Main Lot looking for parking.



The commercial bus lot is next to the Muir Woods Shuttle stop. There are a few spaces for cars in the Main Lot; however, if the lot is full, follow the sign to the Annex Lot.

The Main Lot fills up by 9 AM on busy summer weekends. Muir Woods opens every day at 8 AM. In the summer, it closes at 8 PM. The best times to find parking close to the entrance are when the park opens at 8 AM or after 4 PM. The average length of time for a visit is 1 ½ - 2 hours.

Photo of the brown and white Lot Full sign in front of the Main Lot.



You will see this sign in front of the Main Lot if the Main Lot is full. Proceed to the Annex Lot, just 100 yards away on Muir Woods Road from the Main Lot. The Annex Lot is open at 7:30 AM daily.

Photo of the brown and white Additional Parking 100 Yards sign, directing visitors to drive south on Muir Woods to find parking.



This sign is at the exit of the Main Lot. If the Main Lot is full, go to the Annex Lot which is 100 yards from the Main Lot. The black car is on Muir Woods Road heading south toward Muir Beach which is 3 miles away. The people on the right are walking on the path between the Annex Lot and the Main Lot.

Photo of Muir Woods Road with a roadside sign directing visitors to San Francisco.



This is the view after exiting the Main Lot. Muir Woods Road makes a hairpin turn in front of the Main Lot. The people on the right are coming from the Annex Lot, 100 yards from the Main Lot.

Photo of Pay Entrance Fee at Visitor Center and No RVs or Commercial Carriers signs at the Annex Lot, showing the entrance to the Annex Lot.



This is the entrance to the Annex Lot which is opened at 7:30 AM. The lot can not accommodate RVs or commercial vehicles. RVs longer than 17 feet must park on Muir Woods Road. Commercial carriers less than 17 feet may park on Conlon Avenue, further down Muir Woods Road. As you drive south to Muir Beach, it is on the left, across from the Redwood Creek Native Plant Nursery.

Photo of people reading the Dipsea Trailhead sign in the Annex Lot, and a couple walking down stairs to the path that leads to the Visitor Center.



This is in the Annex Lot. The man and woman (not the group reading the sign) has gone down a few steps to the creekside path that leads to the Main Lot and the Visitor Center. They are approximately 100 yards from the entrance.

Photo of the Roadside Parking Ahead sign at the entrance to the Annex Lot.



If the Annex Lot is full, try to find roadside parking on Muir Woods Road. On a typical summer day, both the Main Lot and the Annex Lot are full from 10 AM – 4 PM. If you must park on Muir Woods Road, expect to walk up to ½ mile to 1 mile from the entrance. Ask your party to wait for you in the Plaza in front of the Visitor Center. Cell phone coverage is not reliable, so plan accordingly.

Photo of green and white sign stating Commercial Carriers under 17 Feet in Length Permit Only. Conlan Avenue is a dirt road with an open gate pictured on the left. The inset (Upper left) is a picture of the Redwood Creek Native Plant Nursery shed.



This green and white sign marks the entrance to Conlon Avenue. It is across from the Redwood Creek Native Plant Nursery across the creek. Commercial carriers under 17 feet may park here. Pick up a permit at the Visitor Center.